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Mr. Mears is the Chief Technologist and Strategist for Information Technology and Security Solutions (IT&SS) within the Lockheed Martin IS&GS Civil division. In this position, he is responsible for technology advocacy, strategy development, operational technology insertion and growth, new business assistance, and external representation of Lockheed Martin technology and business interests for the area.

Previously at Lockheed Martin, Mr. Mears was Director of Biometrics and Identity Management. He was responsible for program performance, segment strategy, and technology plans for biometric identification and verification applications supporting the homeland security, defense and law enforcement communities. Major program responsibilities for Mr. Mears included the Transportation Worker's Identification Credential (TWIC) program for the TSA, and the FBI's Card Scanning Service IV (CSS IV) program. Research initiatives included Lockheed Martin's rapid DNA identification program, advanced latent print image processing, the carbon nanotube FET smell sensor, and 3D face LADAR, among others.

Mr. Mears began his career with the IBM Corporation in Gaithersburg, Md. Among other assignments, he was lead satellite tracking station engineer for the U.S. Global Positioning System. In addition, he spent two years on assignment in the U.K. establishing commercial product development activities within the Hursley Lab near Winchester in Hampshire.

He is a member of three Boards of Directors, including the International Biometrics and Identification Association (non-profit), the Smart Card Alliance (non-profit), and IriTech Corporation (LM marketing alliance partner).

Mr. Mears holds both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida, and he has more than 30 years of experience in advanced technology solutions, market development, and product management. Mr. Mears was appointed to be a Lockheed Martin Senior Fellow in 2013.

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